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Sir:

TRANSMITTAL OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 21, 2007

In response to the Office Action mailed December 21, 2007, the Applicants hereby submit a declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 (hereinafter "the Rule 132 declaration") to remove Alves et al., J. Chem. Soc. Dalton Trans., 2002, p. 4714-4719 (hereinafter "the Alves publication") in accordance with Section 715.01(c) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (i.e., reference is publication of applicants' own invention). In view of this Rule 132 declaration and the following remarks, the Applicants stress that all outstanding rejections are moot and the present application is in condition for allowance.